UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA AT BECKLEY

MICHAEL D. ROSE, and EDWARD L. HARMON, on their own behalf and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:22-cv-00405

MICHAEL FRANCIS,

individually and as an employee of the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation,

THE RALEIGH COUNTY COMMISSION,

John/Jane Doe Employees of the Raleigh

County Commission,

THE FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION,

John/Jane Doe Employees of the Fayette

County Commission,

THE GREENBRIER COUNTY COMMISSION,

John/Jane Doe Employees of the Greenbrier

County Commission,

THE MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION,

John/Jane Doe Employees of the Mercer

County Commission,

THE MONROE COUNTY COMMISSION,

John/Jane Doe Employees of the Monroe

County Commission,

THE SUMMERS COUNTY COMMISSION,

John/Jane Doe Employees of the Summers

County Commission,

THE WYOMING COUNTY COMMISSION,

John/Jane Doe Employees of the Wyoming

County Commission,

PRIMECARE MEDICAL OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.,

John/Jane Doe PrimeCare Employees,

JOHN/JANE DOE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS,

BETSY JIVIDEN, individually as an employee of the

West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation,

WEXFORD HEALTH SOURCES, INC.

John/Jane Doe Wexford Employees,

BRAD DOUGLAS, individually and in his official capacity as the acting Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation, JEFF S. SANDY, individually and in his official capacity as the Cabinet Secretary of the West Virginia Division Department of Homeland Security, and WILLIAM K. MARSHALL, III individually and in his official capacity as the Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation,

Defendants.

ORDER

The pending settlement respecting Defendants Jeff S. Sandy, Betsy Jividen, Brad Douglas, William K. Marshall, III, and Michael Francis (hereinafter "the Settling Defendants") was discussed at a hearing on November 9, 2023. The Court directed the parties to submit a proposed schedule setting deadlines for case events leading to adjudication of the matter. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

- That Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants shall file a Joint Motion for Preliminary
 Approval no later than December 8, 2023, attaching their settlement agreement and
 necessary exhibits including declarations;
- That any comments on the Joint Motion and attached materials shall be filed on or before December 22, 2023;
- 3. That Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants shall file a Motion for Final Approval, accompanied by a proposed order, no later than **January 12, 2023**; and
- 4. That the hearing on the Motion for Final Approval is scheduled for **January 26, 2024**, at 12:00 PM.

Pending currently are Defendants' Joint Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Second

Amended Complaint [Docs. 483, 484]; Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification [Docs. 518, 587];

Plaintiffs' Motion to Supplement the Record in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class

Certification [Docs. 767–770]; Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File a Third Amended Complaint

[Docs. 718, 719]; Plaintiffs' Motion for a Finding of Spoliation and for Sanctions Against

Defendants Sandy, Jividen, Douglas, and Marshall [Doc. 713] and the Order and Proposed

Findings and Recommendation [Doc. 774] filed by the Honorable Omar J. Aboulhosn, United

States Magistrate Judge, as well as non-parties Brian Abraham's and Jim C. Justice, II's Objections

thereto [Doc. 784]. The Court **DENIES AS MOOT AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE** Defendants'

Joint Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint [Docs. 483, 484]; Plaintiffs'

Motion for Class Certification [Docs. 518, 587]; Plaintiffs' Motion to Supplement the Record in

Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification [Docs. 767–770]; and Plaintiffs' Motion for

Leave to File a Third Amended Complaint [Docs. 718,719]. To the extent non-settling Defendants

are co-movants in the aforementioned documents, the matters remain in controversy.

The Court further **ORDERS** that the Objections to Magistrate Judge's Decision to

District Court by non-parties Justice and Abraham [Doc. 784] be SET ASIDE pending the Court's

approval, if granted, of the forthcoming settlement. To the extent approval is withheld, new

deadlines will be set for motion practice and objection periods as necessary.

The Clerk is hereby **DIRECTED** to send a copy of this Order to counsel of record

and any unrepresented party.

ENTERED:

November 15, 2023

United States District Judge